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TOPIC Inner Security Troops

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REFERENCES PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. In late April 1955, it was learned at the SED Bezirk Headquarters in Neubrandenburg that a Kreis registration agency had so far recruited 15 party members for the Inner Security Troops (Innere Truppen).

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2. units of the Border Police and of the State Secretariat for Inner Security (SfS) were called Inner Security Troops.

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3. The organization of some Inner Security units was completed on 22 June. The units were subordinate to the SfS and wore violet collar patches.

4. the KVP into a regular army, a new type of units called Inner Security Troops will be established. Following the procedure of the people's democracies, the new units will function as a sort of emergency police (Bereitschaftspolizei). Members of the new units will wear KVP uniforms with dark-blue collar patches and hat pipings of the same color. The Border Police will also be included in the new emergency police, besides various units of the so-called Blue and Green Police.¹ The Railroad Police, Traffic Police, and fire brigades will continue as independent units. The same applies to SfS units and special guard units the soldiers of which wear red service color. A special construction staff similar to the KVP Billeting Administration will be set up for the Inner Security Troops at Karlshorst.

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1. Comment. The term "blue" and "green" police may have been used for units of the kaserned VP Bereitschaften, the Schutzpolizei (security police) details of the VP Bezirk Administrations, or the emergency details (Schnellkommandos) of the VP Kreis Offices. At present, the HVDVP and the SfS control the following types of units: HVDVP: Kaserned units of the General Police, Traffic Police, and fire brigades; SfS units with light-red service color, that is the SfS guard regiment in Berlin, the SfS guard battalions of the former Laender,

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guard details at government installations;
newly organized Sfs units with blue-violet service color, these
units are probably subordinate to a staff at Adlershof under
the command of Colonel Engelbrecht [REDACTED]
Border Police and Transportation Police. -

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[REDACTED] paragraph 4 of the present
report, [REDACTED] the chain of command
in the field of police units and conditions prevailing in Eastern
Bloc countries, indicates two possibilities:

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- a) The Sfs will be given some authority of command over kaserned
units of the General Police, and all units under its control
will form the Inner Security Troops, the various branches of
which may retain a certain independence.
- b) The Inner Security Troops will be comprised exclusively of Sfs
units the members of which wear blue-violet service color plus
Border Police and kaserned units of the General Police. All
these units may be made subordinate to a special command agency,
while the Sfs will control only units with light-red service
color.

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